

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 18, 2024

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Jim Giacone opened in prayer and Robin LaBuwi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Jim Giacone, and Robin LaBuwi. Board members absent: Jay Copple, Stacia Sloan and Shane Cockrum.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to allow absent board members to join the meeting via telephone. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Board members present via telephone: Stacia Sloan.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; Alyssa Mitchell, Faculty Member; Chris Kays, Community Member; Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative; and Jennie Ren, Student Council Representative.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body

Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and the Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:34 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:04 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Jim Giacone – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes (via telephone), Jay Copple – yes (via telephone) and Marci Glover – yes. Board members absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; Alyssa Mitchell, Faculty Member; Joelle Morris, Faculty Member; Chris Kays, Community Member; Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative; and Jennie Ren, Student Council Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, June 20, 2024
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, June 20, 2024
- 5.2 Approve Financial Report (June 2024)
- 5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (June 2024)
- 5.4 Review/Approve 1st Reading Board Policy Updates Issue 115 and Policy 2:70 (ENCL A)
- 5.5 Review/Approve Project ECHO and STAR Quest Regional Safe School MOU
(ENCL B)
- 5.6 Review/Approve ControlIQ SLA Service Contract (ENCL C)
- 5.7 Review/Approve Creation of Activity Account for BCHS Color Guard
- 5.8 Approve Fourth Amendment to Athletic Training Services Agreement (ENCL D)
- 5.9 Review/Approve Dual Credit Agreement for 2024-2025 between BCHS and RLC
(ENCL E)
- 5.10 Review/Approve Agreement for IDPH Basic Nursing Assistant Training Program
(ENCL F)

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Jim Giaccone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Jim Giaccone – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Stacia Sloan – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Enclosures B, C, D, E and F, as well as the Principal/Assistant Principal Evaluation Plan have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Summer Project Updates including:
Property Purchases, Building Updates, and Varsity Girls Locker Rooms
- Dr. Martin provided post-graduation plans for our 2024 graduates
- Back to School Update

Mr. Docherty provided a written report.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

- Chris Kays asked the board if there had been any movement towards streaming the board meetings in the future.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Jim Giaccone made a motion to approve the activity account expenditure as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Assistant Principal/Transportation Director Contract as presented. Jim Giaccone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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9.2 Assignment of Personnel Jim Giacone made a motion to accept the resignation of Tyler Chance effective July 10, 2024. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to accept the resignation of Sharon Corn as Teacher Aide effective July 10, 2024. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Lacey Hagerman as a Youth and Government Sponsor for the 2024-25 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to employ Shane Garner as the Athletic Director for the 2024-25 school year. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Stacia Sloan – no, Jay Copple – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Jim Giacone – yes. Motion Carried.

9.3 Employment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to employ Madeleine Miller as English Teacher for the 2024-25 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to employ Valerie Kinsman as secretary for the 2024-25 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to employ Keisha Pritchard as Teacher Aide for the 2024-25 school year. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions

9.5 Review/Approve Student Handbook Updates Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Student Handbook Updates as presented in ENCL I. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.6 Review/Approve Faculty/Staff Handbook Updates Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Faculty/Staff Handbook Updates as presented in ENCL J. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Stacia Sloan – no, Jay Copple – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Marci Glover – yes. Motion carried.

9.7 Review/Approve Coaches Handbook Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Coaches Handbook as presented in ENCL K. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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9.8 Review/Approve Principal/Assistant Principal Evaluation Plan Jim Giacone made a motion to approve the Principal/Assistant Principal Evaluation Plan as presented in ENCL L. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.9 Review/Approve Classification of Executive Board Minutes Th executive board minutes from July 2023 – June 2024 have been reviewed and the need for confidentiality continues to exist, therefore, Jim Giacone made a motion to continue to classify the executive board minutes as confidential. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

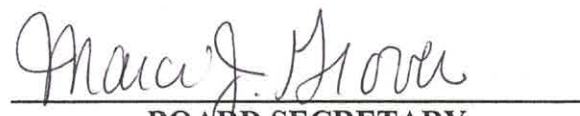
9.10 Review/Approve Appointment of Treasurer and Board Recording Secretary Jim Giacone made a motion to appoint Kenise Head as the Treasurer and Board Recording Secretary. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

Marci Glover mentioned she saw where the BCHS athletic department accepted the First Southern Bank all-sports trophy along with a \$5000 donation due to a successful athletic season.

11. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 P.M. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.


BOARD PRESIDENT


BOARD SECRETARY